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The Honorable Kay Granger
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H-305, United States Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 for the Carroll, Galax, and Grayson: Regional Public Safety Communication Equipment Upgrade project in fiscal year 2024. The funding would be used to replace the aging and less efficient 9-1-1 communications equipment and enable the transition in technology from VHF analog to P25 UHF digital, providing improved coverage throughout the 933 square mile emergency response area.

The entity to receive this funding is City of Galax, Virginia, with city government offices located at 111 East Grayson Street, Galax, Virginia 24333.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because upgrading an aging, outdated regional analog system to the P25 digital system makes it possible for all first responders in the region (law enforcement, fire, and EMS) to communicate in real time with each other, across all jurisdictional and geographical boundaries. This equipment upgrade is necessary, critical infrastructure for the municipalities of the Twin County region.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely yours,

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH
Member of Congress